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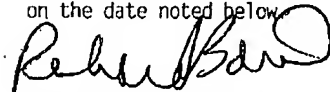
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In box No. 3 in the Notice of Allowability, there is no indication of the Examiner's acknowledgment of applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 or receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. This issue was discussed with Examiner Samala and Supervisory Examiner Hartley on December 4, 2007.

The above-identified application is a United States national phase application filed pursuant to 35 USC 371 of International application PCT/JP2004/016063.

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A copy of the NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT (Form PCT/IB/304) dated February 3, 2005 for PCT/JP2004/016063 was submitted with the application when it was filed on April 20, 2006. Said Form PCT/IB/304 identified applicants' Japanese priority application 2003-364864 filed October 24, 2003.

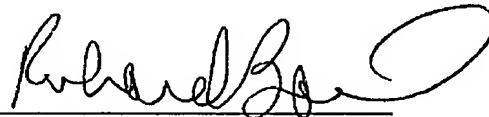
In the USPTO NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495 dated December 4, 2006, it was indicated that the priority document filed on April 20, 2008 was received.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to acknowledge (i) applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and (ii) receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

This application was allowed on a first action. This is applicants' first opportunity to make the above request. Therefore, this paper should not result in any loss of patent term adjustment.

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